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March 10, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, BEAR CREEK
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize its Poole et al No. 6-D Well as an additional alternate unit well for BR-OZ RB SUA, said well being located as shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Brown-Ozley Sand underlying BR-OZ RB SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To permit the Operator of BR-OZ RB SUA to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-V, effective August 29, 1979, and was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-V-1, effective November 6, 2002.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert

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at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

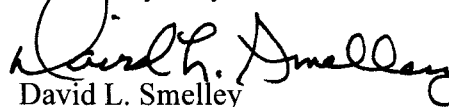
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Mark Terrell (w/encls.)
Mr. Ron Schneider (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

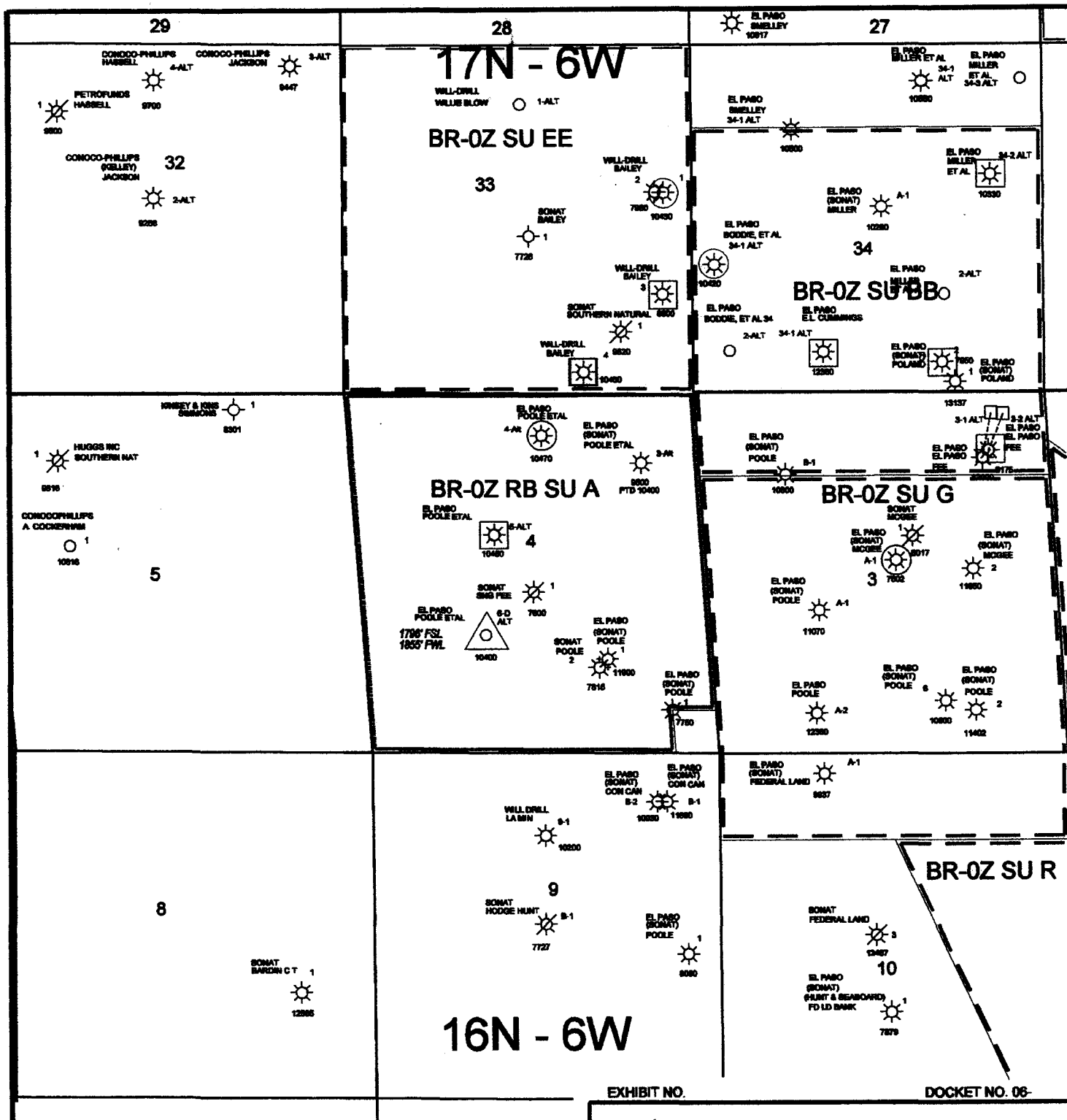


EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 06-

el paso Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
BR-OZ RB SU A



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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LEGEND

- BROWN-OZLEY SAND UNITS
AS PER 78-D SERIES OF ORDERS
- BROWN-OZLEY SAND, RESERVOIR B
SAND UNIT A AS PER ORDER NO. 78-V
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 7500' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE